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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REAPPOINTS AND SETS SALARIES FOR PRESIDENTS

The Idaho State Board of Education met on May 15 and 16, 2002 to evaluate college and university presidents and the Executive Director of the State Board of Education. The Board took action today to reappoint the current presidents, including Dr. Robert Hoover, UI; Dr. Richard Bowen, ISU; Dr. Dene Thomas, LSCS; Dr. Charles Ruch, BSU; and Dr. Miles LaRowe, EITC. The Board also took action to reappoint their current Executive Director, Gary Stivers.

The Board acted to set salaries for all of the presidents and the Executive Director at the same level that they received over the past year (see below); however, the Board did note that these salaries may actually be subject to reduction if the adverse financial conditions continue. The Board's reason for keeping presidential salaries level was tied to budget constraints and not performance. In fact, the Board praised the leadership and fortitude displayed as each has worked to meet increasing demand for educational services with decreasing budget allocations.

"We feel very fortunate to have this kind of leadership in higher education in Idaho. All of the presidents have been faced with extremely difficult decisions over the past year, and the resolve and resourcefulness displayed by each one of them is something to be commended."

-- Board President Blake Hall

Dr. Robert Hoover, University of Idaho	\$161,346
Dr. Richard Bowen, Idaho State University	\$155,771
Dr. Charles Ruch, Boise State University	\$155,771
Dr. Dene Thomas, Lewis-Clark State College	\$121,014
Dr. Miles LaRowe, Eastern Idaho Technical College	\$101,754
Mr. Gary Stivers, Executive Director, State Board of Education	\$104,998

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